



## WATERVILLE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: March 1, 2021

VENUE: Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: x Samantha Burdick, Chair  
x April Chiriboga  
x Tom DePre  
x David Johnson  
x Hilary Koch  
x Uria Pelletier  
x Bruce White

STAFF PRESENT: Ann Beverage, City Planner

### MINUTES:

Hilary Koch made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021, meeting. Uria Pelletier seconded. Vote 7-0 in favor.

ITEM 1: NextGrid is requesting review for revisions to a previously approved plan for a solar farm to be constructed at 101 Webb Road. This review is in accordance with Section 9.4 of the Subdivision & Site Plan Review Ordinance.

Daniel Serber with NextGrid and Gil Paquette with VHB presented revisions to a previously approved solar farm. The proposal is to increase the project to a 4.6 MW solar farm by adding solar panels near I-95.

The developer described changes to the earlier version of the plan. The area where additional panels will be installed currently is field with native grasses that will remain. Panels will be placed around a finger of wetland to avoid creating wetland impact. A 6-inch gap at the bottom of the fence around the solar farm will allow wildlife to pass through. The access road will be 20-feet-wide as required by Fire Chief Shawn Esler. Landscaping will be added along Webb Road as required in the performance standards for solar farms in Section 4.3.32 of the Zoning Ordinance.

### ACTION:

Samantha Burdick made a motion to approve the plan as revised with no conditions (other than those in the original approval of August 17, 2020.) David Johnson seconded. Vote: 7-0 in favor.